tute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, one branch of the Institute is located at Dhenkanal in Orissa.

(b) The other places where branches of the Institute are proposed to be set up are Kottayam in Kerala, Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh and Dimapur in Nagaland. The branch at Kottayam is being operationalised shortly. The branches at Jhabua and Dimapur would be set up, subject to availability of resources.

**Women News-Readers in Delhi Doordarshan Kendra**

3422. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of women News-Readers in Hindi and English and Announcers in Delhi Doordarshan as on date on casual contract and on regular payroll;

(b) the details of women News Readers and Announcers viz. their names, dates of birth, qualifications, dates of appointment and marital status;

(c) the number of applications received so far by the Station Director, Delhi Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi from women applicants for the said posts;

(d) how many out of them have so far been considered and appointed and status of the remaining pending applications;

(e) whether the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra has permitted these women News-Readers and Announcers to sign any assignments with Zee T. V. and other private channels; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and tenure of their service period in each calender year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The total number of women News-Readers in Hindi and English, in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi, as on date on casual contract and on regular payroll is 13 and 16 respectively. The requisite details in respect of these women News-Readers are enclosed in Statement (*See* below). The details relating to women Announcers are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The details in respect of applications received for empanelment as casual News-Readers in response to the advertisement telecast in July, 1993 are as under:

| Language | No. of applications received from women | No. of women selected |
|---|---|---|
| Hindi | 1510 | 02 |
| English | 486 | 03 |

Similar details in respect of women Announcers are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The casual News-Readers and Announcers are booked depending on the programme requirement of the kendra and there is no fixed number of assignments to be given to an indvidual in a calendar year.

**Statement**

*Details of women News-readers (English) in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi*

| Sl.No. | Name | Date of birth | Qualifications | Date/ Year of Appointment | Marital Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| | *Ragular News Readers* | | | | |
| 1. | Ms. Minu . . . | 12-11-1947 | M.A. Mass Communication | 01-09-80 | Mariried |
| | *Casual News-Readers (English)* | | | | |
| 1. | Ms. Jyoti Raghavan | 07-08-1965 | M.A. (Sociology) | 1985 | Single |
| 2. | Ms. Sangeeta V. Bedi | 27-03-1961 | M. Com., M. Phill. | 1985 | Married |
| 3. | Ms. Usha Albuouerque | 15-03-1949 | B.A. (Eng. Lit.) B.Ed. | 1985 | Married |
| 4. | Ms. Rini Khanna | 19-04-1964 | B.A. (Eng. Hons.) M.A. (History) M.A. (Journalism) | 1985 | Married |
| 5. | Ms. Poonam Chadha | 07-02-1956 | M.Sc. (Physics), B.Ed. | 1984 | Married |
| 6. | Ms. Kaveri Mukherjee | 14-01-1958 | B.A. (English Hons.) Post Graduation in Public Relation and Journalism, London University | 1985 | Married |
| 7. | Ms. Sukanya Balakrishanan | 31-03-1956 | B.A. (Pol. Sc. Hons.) M.A. (Social Work) | 1990 | Married |
| 8. | Ms. Mrinalaini J. Singh | 22-11-58 | B.A. (Philosophy) | 1984 | Married |
| 9. | Ms. Indrani Mishra | 18-10-1945 | M.A. (English) | 1979 | Married |
| 10. | Ms. Neethi Ravindran | 15-09-1947 | B.A. (Eco. Hons.) | 1976 | Married |
| 11. | Ms. Geetanjali Iyer | 29-01-1947 | B.A. (Eng. Hons.) | 1971 | Married |
| 12. | Ms. Shaheen Naqui | 24-05-1959 | M.A. (Pol. Science) | [illegible] | Married |
| 13. | Ms. Renuka Chidambaram | 04-07-1958 | M.A. (S. Studies) | Jan. 1995 | Single |
| 14. | Ms. Somali Lahiri | 09-05-1969 | Phd. Physology | Sep. 1994 | Single |
| 15. | Ms. Mayuri Aggarwal | 21-09-1969 | B.Sc., Diploma in Adertising Public Relation, Computer Course | Nov., 1994 | Married |

*Details of women News-readers (Hindi) in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi*

| Sl. No. | Name | Date of birth | Qualifications | Date/ Year of Appointment | Marital Status | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| | *Regular News readers (Hindi)* | | | | | |
| 1. | Ms. Shobhana Jagdish | 20 10 1954 | Post Graduation in Journalism (Hindi) | 10-9-1976 | Married | (She is Presentation Announcer & Assigned the job of News Reader.) |
| 2. | Ms. Salma Sultan | 16-03-1943 | M.A. (English) | 24-05-1980 | Married | |
| | *Casual News-readers (Hindi)* | | | | | |
| 1. | Ms. Aparna Singh | 31 Years | B.A. (Studying in M.A.) | 1989 | Married | |
| 2. | Ms. Avinash Kaur | 21-10-1959 | B.Sc., B.Ed. | Jan., 1982 | Married | |
| 3 | Ms. Ghazala Amin | 18-10-1957 | M.A. (History) | 1988 | Married | |
| 4. | Ms. Manjari Joshi | 05-03-1957 | N.E.T. for the Awarde Research Followship U.G.C. New Delhi | 1981 | Married | |
| 5. | Ms. Sarla Maheshwari | 11-04 1953 | P.H.C. (Hindi) | 1982 | Married | |
| 6. | Ms. Anupama Gupta | 20-09-1967 | B.F.A. (Lucknow) University) | 1989 | Married | |
| 7. | Ms. Rama Pandey | 12-11-1948 | M.A. (History) | 1987 | Married | |
| 8. | Ms. Anjali Rai | 07-03-1959 | M.A. (History) | 1988 | Married | |
| 9. | Ms. Parvathi Kumar | 32 Years | M.A. (Classical Vocal Music) | Jan., 1995 | Married | |
| 10. | Ms. Neelam Sharma | 29 years | M.A. (Mass communication) | Feb., 1995 | Married | |
| 11. | Ms. Meeta Choudhary | 10 12 1966 | B.A. (Phy. Hons.) | Dec., 1989 | Married | |

**Video Piracy**

3423. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI BEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATIION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fast growing incidences of vedeo piracy;

(b) what is the number of gangs of video pirates smashed by the Central Authorities during the last two years, 1993 94 and 1994 so far; and